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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 106

Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

January 25, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 106—Relative to the ~~CDF~~
CAL-FIRE Firefighter Matt Will Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

ACR 106, as amended, Caballero. ~~CDF~~ *CAL-FIRE* Firefighter Matt Will Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the portion of State Highway Route 156 from State Highway Route 25 to State Highway Route 101 as the ~~CDF~~ *CAL-FIRE* Firefighter Matt Will Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, ~~California~~ Department of Forestry and Fire
2 Protection (~~CDF~~) (*CAL-FIRE*) Heavy Fire Equipment Operator
3 (HFEO) Fire Captain Matt Will passed away in the line of duty
4 on October 9, 2007, at the age of 30, while battling a fire in
5 Monterey County; and

6 WHEREAS, Matt Will is survived by his mother, father, two
7 brothers, loving wife and high school sweetheart Dianna, son
8 Trysten (12), and daughter Elsie (10); and

1 WHEREAS, Matt Will was born in El Cajon, California on
2 March 13, 1977, and was raised in Campo, California. He attended
3 elementary through high school in Campo where he participated
4 in many sports including football, baseball, and wrestling. He
5 enjoyed many outdoor activities, such as camping, fishing, hunting,
6 and off-roading. After graduating from high school, Matt Will
7 helped run his family business where he became proficient at
8 operating heavy equipment; and

9 WHEREAS, HFEO Gary Will, father of Matt Will, is employed
10 by ~~CDF~~ CAL-FIRE. Matt Will followed in his father's footsteps
11 as he pursued the career of his dreams as a HFEO by applying his
12 passions for heavy equipment and fire fighting. He was always
13 charismatic and caring, and his drive and motivation were displayed
14 daily. Matt Will's leadership skills carried him to reach his goals
15 and to encourage others to reach theirs; and

16 WHEREAS, Matt Will was extremely knowledgeable, with
17 abundant experience and excellent judgment that enabled him to
18 be on the fireline operating alone. On October 8, 2007, HFEO Matt
19 Will tried to get another bulldozer out of a precarious situation,
20 placing ~~Matt Will~~ him in a very dangerous location. The ground
21 of the steep terrain gave way, causing Matt Will's bulldozer to roll
22 154 feet down a steep drainage, in which Matt Will sustained
23 injuries. On October 9th, Matt Will succumbed to those injuries;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Matt Will exemplified the professionalism, work
26 ethic, dedication, and self-sacrifice for which ~~CDF~~ CAL-FIRE
27 firefighters are known. He touched the lives of many and is sorely
28 missed by all who knew him. He will never be forgotten; now,
29 therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
31 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature recognizes the
32 contributions of ~~CDF~~ CAL-FIRE Firefighter Matt Will to the people
33 of California and designates the portion of State Highway Route
34 156 from State Highway Route 25 to State Highway Route 101 as
35 the ~~CDF~~ "CAL-FIRE Firefighter Matt Will Memorial Highway";
36 and be it further

37 *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is requested
38 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
39 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
40 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate

1 sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it
2 further
3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
4 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
5 author for appropriate distribution.

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